NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

February 16, 1996

THE VOLUNTEER SPECTATOR

Please welcome new volunteers to The Field Museum in December and January: (Volunteer, Department and Supervisor)

Juan Almazon, Education, Maureen Ransom
Kaaren Brauner, Education, Mary Ann Bloom
Karl Engquist, Education, Mary Ann Bloom
Barbara Harney, Zoology/Mammals, Bill Stanley
Kirsten Hedlund, Education, Mary An Bloom
Alex Janus, Botany, Jack Murphy
Holly Kapitan, Zoology/Mammals, Bill Stanley
Janet McCaron, Education, Mara Cosillo-Starr
David McClintock, Geology, Bill Simpson
Marie Meskauskas, Botany, Jack Murphy
Kevin Olbrysh, Anthropology, Chap Kusimba
Richard Peaslee, Zoology/Mammals, Bill Stanley
Mary Ann Peters, Anthropology, Janice Klein
Bilal Qazzar, Zoology/Mammals, Bill Stanley
Estelle Rosenthal, Education, Mary Ann Bloom
Linda Warchal, Education, Mary Ann Bloom
Elizabeth Wyman, Geology, Gregory Buckley
Wei Xu, Computing, Jim Koeppl

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NOTICE TO FIELD MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

In recognition of the valuable work given by The Field Museum volunteers, the Museum is pleased to announce that all regular volunteers will be given *The Field Museum Employee Family Card.* This card entitles family members of volunteers the privledges of free admission to The Field Museum, and a 20% discount on Museum Store purchases.

Your Family Card can be found attached to your time sheet.

The Museum Staff wishes to extend its deepest symapthies to Pat Phillips' on the loss of her mother, and to Nadine Kendra and John Phillips' on the loss of their grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with all. Condolences can be sent to the Finance Department.

NOON BALLOON

The Noon Balloon presentation for Tuesday 13 February 1996 was delivered by Dr. Margaret Thayer, Adjunct Assistant Curator, Division of Insects, Department of Zoology, Field Museum. Margaret discussed her joint research with Dr. Alfred Newton, Division of Insects, on phylogenetic analyses of the higher categories of staphylinoid beetles with an empahsis on the systematic position of pselaphid beetles. Their study was initiated when attempting to place a previously undescribed genus in the staphylinids. The new taxon, Protopselaphus, shares features of both staphylinids and pselaphids, a group considered to be related to, but separate from staphylinids. Caldistic analyses of more tahn 100 morphological characters gave strong suppport to placing Protopselaphus as basal to the pselaphids, and this combined group within the staphylinids proper. To augment their morphological data sets, a molecular study of the higher categories of stsaphylinoids has been initiated in conjunction with Bill Ballard, Division of Insects, and Elizabeth Grismer, Molecular Laboratory. Preliminary data have been obtained for the 12s and cytochrome b genes.

TURTLES

Rob Stuebing, Field Associate, Dept. of Zoology, has sent a bit of anthropological/ herpetological news from Kuching, Sarawak (Borneo), where he has been working. Two large freshwater turtles (Callagur borneensis) were just released in tidal waters outside of Kuching. It was hoped that the release, which was supervised by a Buddhist monk and staff of the Forestry Dept of Sarawak and the Sarawak Museum, would put an end to the floods that have plagued the area. According to "sources," a local flood last year was caused by the confinement of one of the turtles, which refused to eat after that flood receded. The turtle that was responsible for the two floods cost its owner, a grave digger, $240. The second turtle, which cost several business men $520, was released for insurance. The monk attended the release to assure it was done properly and the zoologist from the Sarawak Museum attended to insure that the turtles were properly tagged.

CORRECTION

Reminder... LOST & FOUND

Visitor Services is responsible for the "Lost & Found" area.

During regular Museum hours on all seven days of the week, items found by staff members should be **turned into** the **coat check**. Inquiries regarding lost items can be directed to x551 or 386.

When the Museum is closed, items found by Museum staff should be turned in to the Security console.

Lake Shore Drive
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Memorandum to Staff and Volunteers regarding Lake Shore Drive Relocation / Construction Coordination

Adler Planetarium
Field Museum
Shedd Aquarium

February, 1996 / **Memo No. 5**

The next major change in the relocation of the Lake Shore Drive is about to take place. We are issuing this memo to acquaint you with changes well in advance, and will reissue this memo again in March, when the change is imminent.

We would additionally like to update you on the upcoming **closing of Balbo Drive from Michigan to Columbus**. That closing has been slightly delayed - the closing date is now anticipated in late February or early March. We will notify you when an exact date is announced.

TRAFFIC REDIRECTION (Diagram A)

On Friday, March 15, 1996 at 8 p.m., at a point just south of Balbo and north of the Field Museum, barricades will be placed in order to **redirect southbound traffic on the drive onto the current northbound lanes** (which are east of the Field Museum). Preparation for the changeover will continue throughout the weekend, in readiness for morning rush hour traffic Monday, March 18. Restriping has or is currently taking place to create additional lanes to accommodate this increased traffic. **The current southbound lanes from Balbo to McCormick will be closed to all traffic for the remainder of 1996.**

COLUMBUS DRIVE (Diagram A)

Beginning March 15, 1996, Columbus Drive from Balbo to Roosevelt will be closed. This will allow for the construction of the new Roosevelt Road viaduct, which will eventually connect to Lake Shore Drive and allow for convenient access to the Museum Campus from the west.

PARKING AND VEHICULAR ACCESS (Diagram B)

For the Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium, the primary parking available to visitors will be the Field east lot, Soldier Field lots, and McFetridge Drive metered spaces. New directional signs will aid visitors in finding parking. Entry and egress to McFetridge Drive will be from the east only, via Lake Shore Drive. Entry and egress from this intersection will be possible in both the north and southbound directions.

For the Adler Planetarium, the primary parking available to visitors will be the Adler west lot and Solidarity Drive metered spaces. A new stoplight has been installed at the intersection of Solidarity and Lake Shore Drive, and it will allow both entry and egress to/from Solidarity in both the north and southbound directions.

As in the past few months, conditions will vary in the north lot as various construction takes place, and some additional spaces may be lost. Every attempt is being made to keep the north lot available for staff parking for as long as possible into 1996.

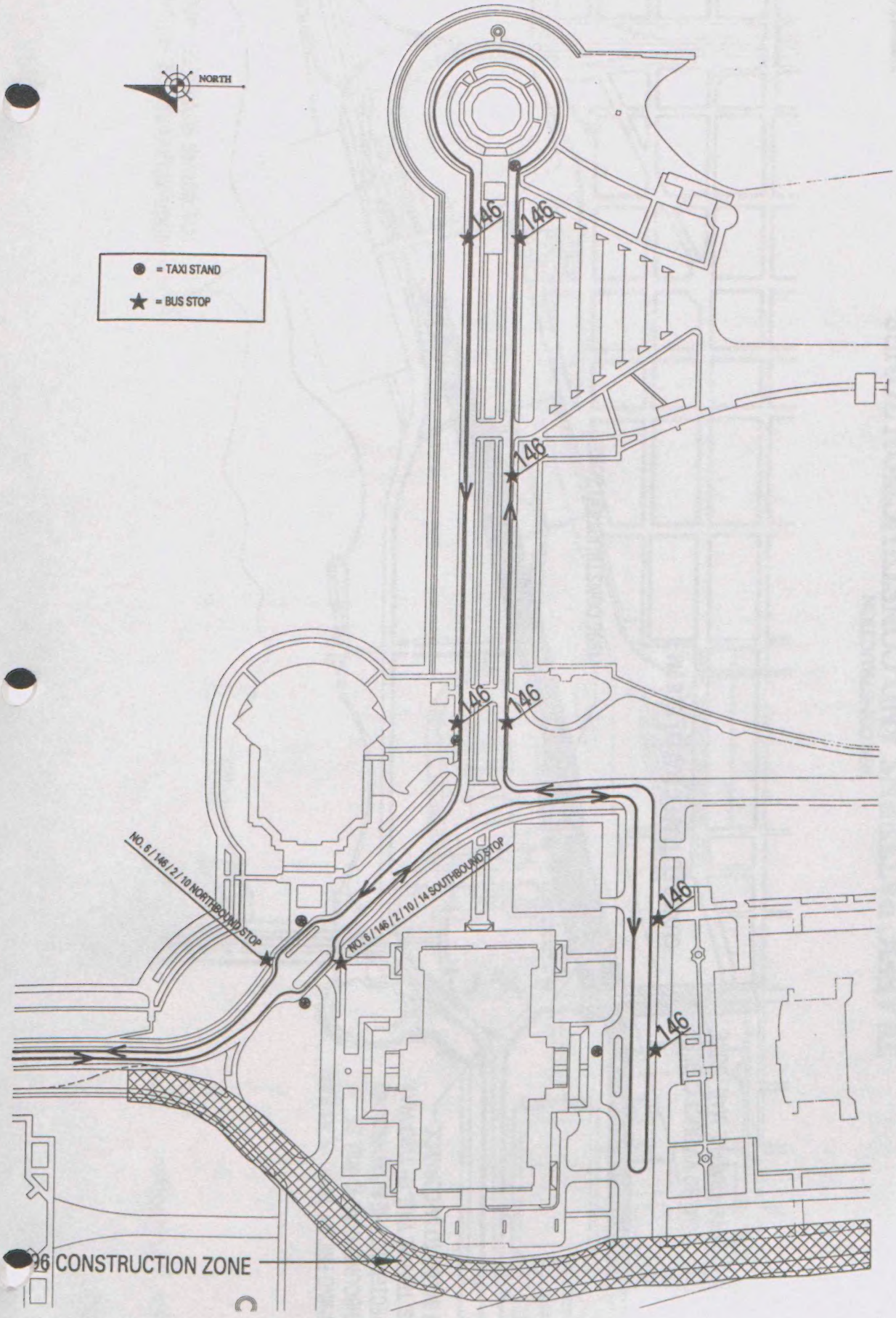
Staff parking will continue to be available in the Field west lot, and the Field north lot, and around the circle on Solidarity. However, *access to the North Lot will be changed.* Beginning March 15 at 8 pm, access to the north lot will be via McFetridge, through the west lot. A connecting lane has been built around the west side of the Field Museum to allow cars to pass from the west to north lot.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

Pedestrian access will be maintained to the campus at all times. Due to the closing of Columbus Drive, pedestrian access from the loop, Metra station, and Roosevelt Road CTA station may be routed through the construction zone. The route will be clearly marked and protected, however. The Museums have jointly created campus signage expressly for this construction period, and these signs will be placed along all pedestrian routes to clearly indicate access points and routes.

BUS STOPS / TAXI STANDS (Diagram C)

The newly created bus slips/taxi stands north of the Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium will go into use **beginning March 18, 1996**. The routes for buses are indicated in the attached diagram C - bus routing has been made very convenient during this construction period. New taxi stands have also been created to allow for convenient drop-off/pick-up - taxi stands are also indicated in the attached diagram C.



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TAXI STANDS AND BUS ROUTES

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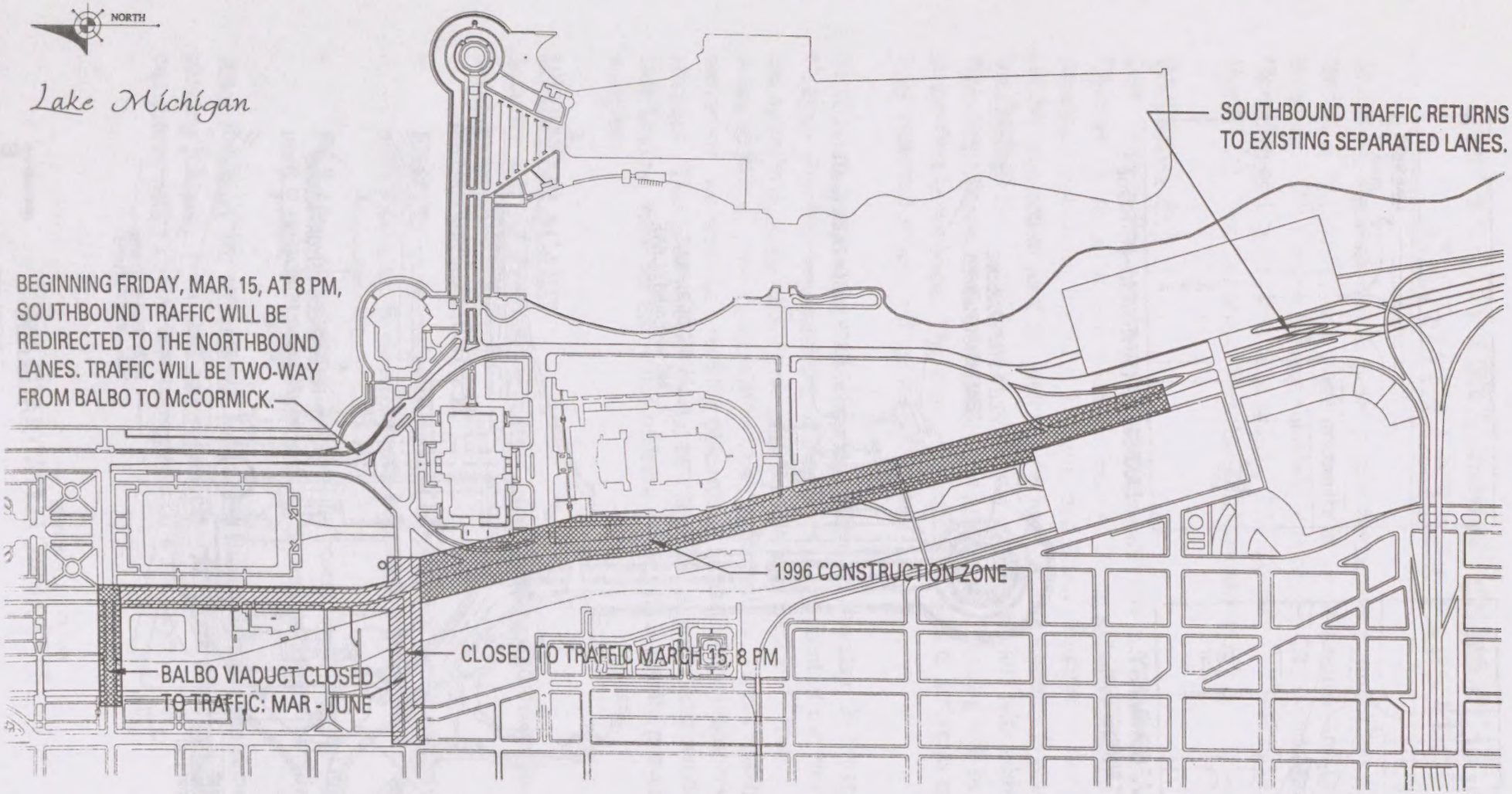
NORTH
Lake Michigan
SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC RETURNS TO EXISTING SEPARATED LANES.
BEGINNING FRIDAY, MAR. 15, AT 8 PM, SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE REDIRECTED TO THE NORTHBOUND LANES. TRAFFIC WILL BE TWO-WAY FROM BALBO TO McCORMICK.
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TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND CONSTRUCTION ZONES

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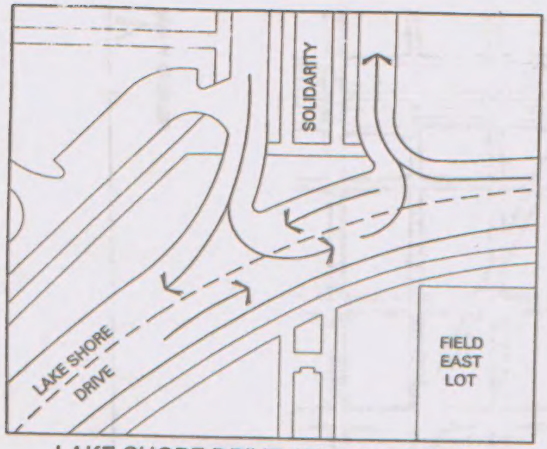
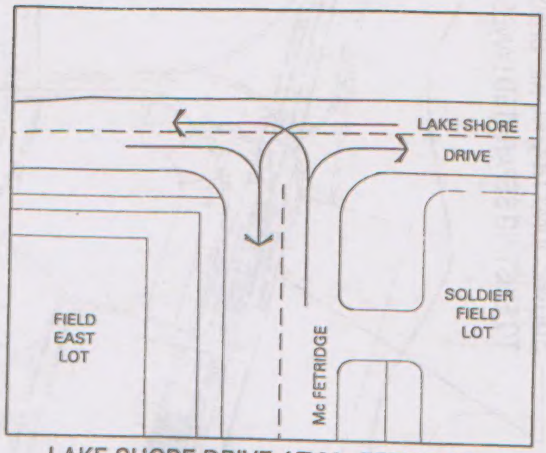


LAKE SHORE DRIVE AT SOLIDARITY
(NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT AT INTERSECTION)



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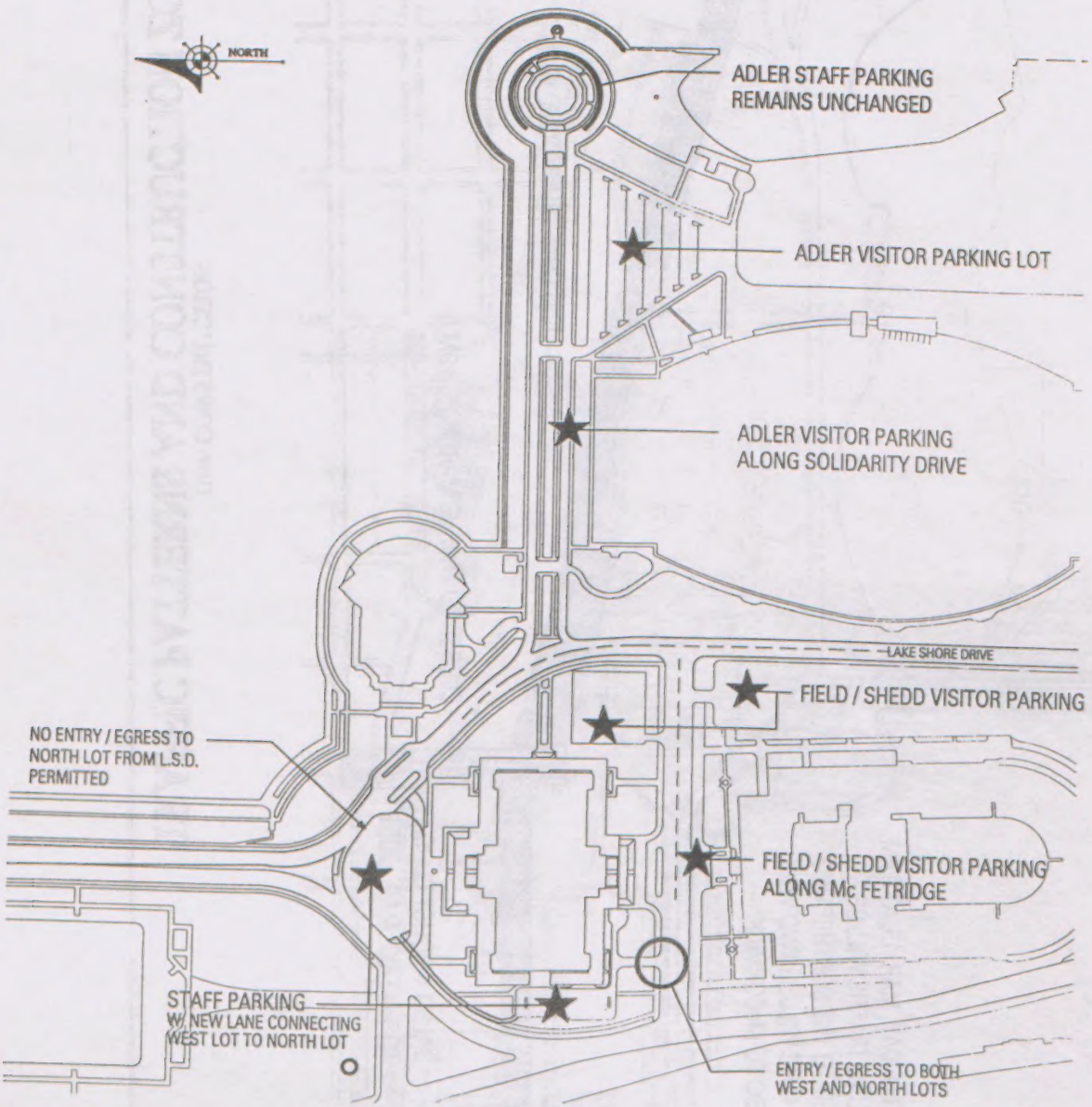
NORTH
ADLER STAFF PARKING REMAINS UNCHANGED
ADLER VISITOR PARKING LOT
ADLER VISITOR PARKING ALONG SOLIDARITY DRIVE
LAKE SHORE DRIVE
FIELD / SHEDD VISITOR PARKING
NO ENTRY / EGRESS TO NORTH LOT FROM L.S.D. PERMITTED
FIELD / SHEDD VISITOR PARKING ALONG Mc FETRIDGE
STAFF PARKING W/ NEW LANE CONNECTING WEST LOT TO NORTH LOT
ENTRY / EGRESS TO BOTH WEST AND NORTH LOTS

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PARKING AND TRAFFIC FLOW DIAGRAM

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20th CENTURY FOX STUDIOS - *CHAIN REACTION* FILMING
STAFF/VOLUNTEER PARKING PLAN

The Field Museum will be hosting 20th Century Fox during the filming of *Chain Reaction,* which will take place primarily in the Mezzanine and the exterior of the building. The current filming schedule is February 19-20 and March 11-12, 1996. Occasionally, during this time period, 20th Century Fox will have partial use of the North Lot. The use of the West Lot does not change.

PARKING PLAN

20th Century Fox, working with the Museum, has made arrangements with the City of Chicago for metered spaces on McFetridge Drive to be the alternative North Lot parking location for the Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium. Staff and volunteers will not be required to feed the meters. As long as 20th Century Fox is filming, McFetridge Drive will be managed daily as our staff lot, with additional assistance from the Chicago Police since it is a public street. Parking will be handled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Therefore, we encourage you to arrive as early as possible. The only reserved spaces will be for volunteers.

Staff can begin parking on McFetridge Drive on Monday, February 19, 1996. 20th Century Fox has requested use of 50 spaces in the front of the North Lot. Therefore, the street will be barricaded on both the east and west ends from 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. After 9:00 a.m., the street will be open to the public. To get through the police barricade, we will issue parking placards to all staff and volunteers who have parking stickers. This blue placard should be displayed in your front window on the passenger side in clear view for the police officers to see. This should prevent you from being stopped.

ISSUING PLACARDS

Security will use a printout of current parking stickers to determine who will receive a parking placard.

- **FEB 15:** A security officer will be posted at the West Door from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. to issue placards to current parking sticker holders.

- **FEB 16:** A security officer will be posted at the North Door from 7:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. to issue placards to current parking sticker holders.

After February 16, all staff and volunteers should come to the security console for a parking placard. New staff and volunteers will obtain their parking placards from the equipment office during the issuing of I.D.'s and keys.

February 13, 1996

VOLUNTEERS FOR MEMBERS' WINE TASTING

Volunteers are needed for the Members' Wine-Tasting scheduled for February 22, 1996, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Rice Wildlife Station. You'll be asked to help pour wine and remove glasses from tables. And yes, you can participate in the tasting. Call the membership department at X. 453.